

Messrs. Mir Mahomed Saheb and Syed Khaja Peeran.—

Is it not true that teachers from the maidan parts refuse to go on transfer to the malnad parts because the special locality allowances given are inadequate?

First Member of Council.—

I do not think anybody can refuse to go to the malnad if transferred. As servants of Government they must go.

Messrs. Mir Mahomed Saheb and Syed Khaja Peeran.—

Is it not true that the District Board recommended the allowance to be raised from Rs. 1-8-0 to Rs. 5-0-0, because houses are difficult to get in the malnad parts?

First Member of Council.—

It is not possible to give Rs. 5 to every one. If there be any difficulties regarding accommodation for teachers, it is for the School Board to examine the question.

MR. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Q.—20: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether any steps have been taken by them to construct Rāgimakalahalli Tank near Budikote in Bowringpet Taluk?

(b) If so, whether it is possible to begin the work during this year and whether Government have provided funds for this work during the year?

(c) The total extent of lands likely to come under wet cultivation by the construction of this tank?

(d) The probable annual income expected by Government by the construction of this tank?

(e) The reasons for not having commenced the work when it is expected to yield the above revenue?

(f) Whether they are aware that the villagers in these parts are suffering for want of water for irrigation?

(g) Whether the raiyats of these parts have agreed to pay contribution and execute a mutchalika to that effect?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—20. (a) A preliminary project has been prepared.

(b) No.

(c) 836 acres: 636 acres dry, 200 acres wet.

(d) About Rs. 5,288.

(e) The final project is still awaited. The present finances do not permit of new works being taken up.

(f) Yes.

(g) Yes.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

How long is it since the preliminary project was prepared?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

About one and a half years.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

How long will it take to prepare the final project?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

It may take about three months' time.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

Are the Government aware that the rainfall in Bowringpet Taluk is very scanty and that the people thereof are put to great difficulty for want of water for drinking purposes as well as for cultivation?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

It may be.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

If the tank cannot be constructed in the near future, cannot Government at least construct a small *katte* for the present so that some relief may be afforded to the raiyats?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

A small *katte* cannot be of any practical use. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 3,12,000, but the anticipated return on the investment is about 3·2 per cent. That is too low a return to induce the Government to take up the work.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

When the interests of raiyats are so vitally concerned, why should the Government be so very particular about the percentage of the return?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

Irrigation works of this magnitude are financed from borrowed capital and the return from any such work ought not to be less than the interest payable on the amount borrowed.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

But will not the raiyats be put to great hardship if such works are not taken up?

First Member of Council.—

The same raiyats will have to bear the loss on account of the higher interest that will have to be paid on borrowed capital.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

Is it not a necessary duty of the Government to provide good drinking water and enough irrigational facilities in all parts of the State?

First Member of Council.—

To provide those facilities as far as possible is the intention of Government.

Mr. Channabasappa.—

Is it true that the raiyats have agreed to pay a contribution of Rs. 200 per acre?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

Yes, but they want to pay it in ten instalments after the work is completed.

Mr. Channabasappa.—

Is it not true that the whole taluk is suffering without adequate water supply for carrying on cultivation?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

No. There are facilities enough in some parts. And it is to afford the facilities to other parts that the project has been thought of.

Mr. Channabasappa.—

Will the project be taken up immediately or at least next year?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

It is not possible to take it up immediately. Whether it can be taken up next year remains to be seen.

Question time being over, MR. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO observed that, both in this session as well as during the previous ones, non-official business had not been given the time allotted to it/as per programme. It might be that the President, in exercising the powers vested in him under the rules, re-arranged the order of business to suit the convenience of members of the House, but that was a separate matter from strict adherence to rules. Such systematic denial of adequate time for private business was a violation of Rule IV (2) and it had also caused a legitimate grievance and apprehension in the minds of the members that Government were gradually and surely curtailing the rights and privileges of the House. He therefore hoped that, at least in future, the President of the House would allot sufficient time for non-official business and strictly conform to the programme and to the rules.

THE DEIVAN stated that, in the current session, the time for non-official business was somewhat less as the legislative business to be transacted was heavy. But he assured the House that there was no desire on the part of Government to curtail the time for private business and that they would see that, as far as possible, the time allotted for it was not trenched upon in future.

RESOLUTIONS—(concluded).*Resolution No. 5.*

"This Assembly recommends to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja the desirability of effecting a percentage cut in salaries of public servants as follows in order to tide over the present financial difficulties:—

Those who draw salaries—

	Rs.		Rs.	Per cent.*
from	100	to	199	... 5
"	200	"	499	... 7½
"	500	"	999	... 10
"	1,000	and above		... 15."

MOVERS.—MESSRS. M. C. LINGE GOWDA (Mandya Taluk), K. M. KRISHNAPPA GOWDA (Nagamangala Taluk), G. CHANNAPPA (Yedatore Taluk), KULLEGOWDA (Seringapatam Taluk), S. THIMMEGOWDA *alias* THAMMAIYAGOWDA